



SOUTHEAST REGION

The Southeast region includes anglers fishing in the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico, from North Carolina through Louisiana.

Valuation Survey: The Southeast region valuation survey was conducted between March 1997 and February 1998. Specific emphasis was given to recreationally important species such as red drum, spotted seatrout, king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, red snapper, gag, red grouper, cobia, dolphin.

Results from this survey will be available by May 2000.

Expenditure Survey: The Southeast expenditure survey is being conducted (March 1999 - February 2000).

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WEST COAST

The West Coast recreational fisheries socioeconomic data collection effort includes anglers in Washington, Oregon and California.

Valuation Survey: Data for the West coast valuation survey were collected from January - December 1998. Pacific RecFIN and Pacific Council staff were involved in developing questions for species of most interest on the West coast.

Results from this survey will be available by summer 2000.

Expenditure Survey: The West coast expenditure survey will be conducted January - December 2000.

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Socio-Economic Data Collection and Analysis of Marine Recreational Fisheries



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Overall Survey Description

GOAL: NMFS' goal is to collect socio-economic data on marine anglers from all coasts of the continental United States to:

- provide descriptive and behavioral information on marine recreational fishing participants
- provide estimates of the value of recreationally important fisheries
- analyze fisheries management decisions regarding allocation, changes in management strategies or changes in factors that affect catch rates and/or access to marine recreational species for fishing sites
- estimate the contribution of recreational fisheries to regional economies
- estimate the impact of fisheries regulations on regional economies.

NMFS Office of Science and Technology funds & coordinates the surveys with the MRFSS program, NMFS regional economists & the American Sportfishing Association.

HOW: Two rounds of surveys are being conducted across the three regions (Northeast, Southeast, Pacific Coast) in conjunction with NMFS' Marine Recreational Fishing Statistics Survey (MRFSS).

1) Valuation Surveys. The first round of surveys is designed to ask questions of anglers that elicit sociodemographic information to characterize marine recreational fishing participants.

Questions about travel costs and the values people place on their time are also asked to allow economists to use models that estimate the value of recreational fishing trips.

2) Expenditure Surveys: The second round of surveys collects detailed data on anglers' fishing-related expenditures in order to estimate the impacts on regional economies.

Data from this round will be used primarily in input/output analyses, using standard software packages and secondary data such as IMPLAN.

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NORTHEAST REGION

The Northeast region extends from Maine through Virginia.

Valuation Survey: The Northeast region valuation survey was conducted from May-December in 1994.

Three volumes of results are available describing the characteristics of Northeast anglers, the value of recreational fishing in the Northeast and estimated participation out to 2025.

Expenditure Survey: Detailed expenditure data were collected from Northeast anglers May - December 1998. These data are being used in impact models to examine current fishery management plans in the Northeast.

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